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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the communication mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 1, 2005. Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment and Response, while Remarks begin at page 6.